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NEW NATIONAL REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT POLICY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in the process of drafting a new National Rehabilitation and Resettlement policy ;

(b) If so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Governments and other concerned are also being consulted in this regard;

(d) If so, the details thereof alongwith the suggestions received therefrom;

(e) the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(f) the time by which the new policy is likely to come into force?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (f) Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development is in the process of drafting a revised rehabilitation policy namely the National Rehabilitation Policy-2007 (NRP-2007), with the objective to minimize displacement and to promote, as far as possible, non-displacing or least-displacing alternatives, ensure adequate rehabilitation packages and expeditious implementation of the rehabilitation process with the active participation of displaced persons. This policy, once approved and adopted, would replace the current National Resettlement & Rehabilitation Policy-2003 (NPRR-2003).

The draft NRP-2006 was circulated to States/UTs for their comments and also put on the websites of the Department of Land Resources and Ministry of Rural Development and at the Facilitation Counter of the Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhavan for public comments, and, for which, a Public Notice has also been published in the prominent National and Regional newspapers. Comments from a few States and Ministries/Departments of GOI as well as a number of public comments have been received, which are being processed, so that the draft NRP-2007 could be finalized and the matter could be brought before the Cabinet.